

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 12, 14, 16, and 17, as listed in the following listing of the claims, which replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A digital still camera, comprising:
an image-capturing section for outputting electric signals from a picked-up image
to generate image data;
a camera controller including a CPU;
a memory including a first non-dynamically allocated storing region for storing a
camera control program required for the CPU and a second non-dynamically allocated
storing region for storing said image data separately from camera control data specific
to the digital still camera and recorded during a manufacturing process,
wherein the camera controller is adapted to read out the camera control program
in the first non-dynamically allocated storing region while writing or erasing image data
in the second non-dynamically allocated storing region.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera of claim 12,

wherein the first non-dynamically allocated storing region and the second non-dynamically allocated storing region each include a plurality of storage units.

15. (Previously Presented) The digital still camera of claim 12,

wherein said memory is a non-volatile memory.

16. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera of claim 12,

wherein the first non-dynamically allocated storing region includes a boot program area for the CPU.

17. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera of claim 12, further

comprising:

an interface for connecting to a personal computer,

wherein the first non-dynamically allocated storing region is adapted to store a program for installation in the personal computer via the interface.